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Dear Parent/Carers

I hope my letter finds you and your families well.

I would like to start my letter by commending your children for their maturity and understanding over the last four days when the weather conditions have made it unsafe for them to go outside at break and lunch. They have demonstrated resilience, self-regulation and displayed gratitude towards the site team who have been on site every day from 5:00am gritting the path to ensure students could come into school safely.

Last night we held our Year 10 Achievement Evening which gave parents and carers the opportunity to discuss their child's progress and next steps in preparation for their GCSE exams next year. We really appreciate the positive engagement from our Year 10 parents which shows how invested they are in their children's education. We strongly believe that if we continue to work in partnership this way our students will succeed in achieving their full potential.

Our Year 11 students have now finished their first round of mock exams. These exams are a vital phase in a student's preparation for their final GCSE exams in the summer term. Students gain a lot in terms of exam experience and this helps them set clear goals and remain focused for the crucial months ahead. We will complete the mock exam process by holding a Mock Results Day on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. Essentially, this means that students will receive the results from all their subjects in an envelope, during Full Crew.

As per my previous email, one of our priorities this half term is Key Stage 3 assessments. Parents of Year 7, 8 and 9 students have now received the revision list of key topics and revision materials to support students. This week during Crew time, we have delivered a presentation on the importance of assessment and how, as teachers, we use this information to support students' learning. If you would like to see this presentation, please click on the link below.

<https://youtu.be/Kzbnkd8VEzlc>

In assemblies this week, students were given the opportunity to deepen their understanding of how homelessness and the stereotypical misconceptions attached to this issue can deeply affect our community. Building awareness is a key feature of our community work, thereby supporting the students' development real-world skills and building a sense of responsibility. Our aim, as a Crew, is to work together to raise awareness and support the homelessness and child poverty within our own community. For this reason, throughout the last week of this half term, we will be raising money for Emmaus Trust; a local charity that supports homeless in Newark. In addition, we will be collecting food parcels to take to the local food bank.



Finally, winter seems to have arrived earlier this year, and we have been very mindful, especially during the last week, that some of our students don't come to school wearing a coat. Although, we know that this may be a fashion choice for some, we are also acutely aware that for some families this may be down to affordability. If this is the case, may I remind you that as part of our Clothes Exchange scheme, we offer free recycled coats and shoes for any family experiencing financial difficulties. All you need to do is send us an email or ask your child to speak to myself or Mrs Coutts at reception.



#### Key Events for Half Term 2

4 <sup>th</sup> December	Y12 University of Lincoln Rewards Trip
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert
10 <sup>th</sup> December – 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y9, 10 & 11 Aachen Germany Trip
13 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term

I hope your children have enjoyed their week at school.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Inma Peña', with a horizontal line drawn through it.

Inma Peña  
Headteacher